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**Repeal Impractical Fuel Restrictions by Eliminating Section 526
of the Energy Independence and Security Act**

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This Congress, **Representative Conaway (R-TX)** introduced **H.R. 2478, legislation to permanently repeal Section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA)**. Section 526 prohibits federal agencies from purchasing alternative fuels whose greenhouse gas emissions exceed more conventional petroleum sources. This prevents the government, most notably the Department of Defense, from purchasing fuel produced from domestic shale oil, coal-to-liquids technology and other synthetic sources.

Lifting the restrictions contained in Section 526 allows the military to keep a full breadth of energy sources at its disposal, thus reducing the threat of energy insecurity and dependence on sources of oil from unfriendly nations. As it stands, Section 526 needlessly restricts the ability of the federal government to secure a stable supply of energy from domestic sources and reliable allies, like Canada. Repealing Section 526 does not prohibit the Department of Defense from its efforts to transition to renewable source of energy. It does, however, ensure that military readiness is not threatened by a shortage of fuel supply or increased costs due to impractical restrictions.

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